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MEET GARY & ELLEN KIISKILA

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Meet our featured volunteers for May 2022: Gary and Ellie Kiiskila from Wautoma.

Gary and Ellen began volunteering at the Veterans Home in late 2018. Since then, they have volunteered a combined 200 hours together. Gary enjoys assisting with the Monday morning fishing trips with Ainsworth Hall members. He also visits his fellow Vietnam members and will be bringing his friendly service dog Gunner for future visits.

Gary and Ellen have been married for 41 years and they have 4 children; 3 sons and a daughter. Hans lives in Appleton, Levi lives in Harrisville just north of Montello, Peter lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and their daughter Sarah lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Previously they worked in careers for the DNR, as a logger, a pulper, and for an area ski hill. Their hobbies include hiking, hunting, swimming, cutting wood, and gardening. Both have been involved in the Big Brothers, Waushara Community Church. Gary belongs to the American Legion post in Wild Rose and is a lifelong member of the DAV. Gary is also involved in the VA group in Wisconsin Rapids.

Volunteering at King makes them feel peaceful and happy. They are ready for warm summer weather and to start fishing season again with the members on the Chain O'Lakes. We are so thankful for all you do. Please greet them if you see them at King.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our new members at King:

John L. Dopp, a Korean War Navy Veteran joined us on March 28, 2022 from Almond. He is living in Olson Hall.

Frank J. Rothermel, a WW II Navy Veteran joined us on April 8, 2022 from Plover. He is living in Olson Hall.

John A. Prochnow, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on April 12, 2022 from Friendship. He is living in Olson Hall.

Christopher Hopf, is a Middle East Crisis Army Veteran, who joined us on April 9, 2022. He is living in MacArthur Hall.

THANK YOU GIRL SCOUTS FOR THE DELICIOUS COOKIES!



Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #8194 from Campbellsport, WI, who generously donated four cases of tasty Girl Scout cookies for our members to enjoy at King.

HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY!



Our Home at King wished a Happy 94th birthday to Hope Vierck. She is the spouse of a Veteran and lives in MacArthur Hall.

She is pictured here proudly holding her delicious birthday cake!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING - By Chaplain John Roe

The Apostle Paul lived an interesting life. First, he was a Jewish Pharisee, the sect that held all the power in Israel. He hated the Christian message and arrested or killed those who believed in Jesus. Second, he had an encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus that radically changed him into an ambassador and apostle for Christianity.

His life was never the same after the experience on the road. Jesus became real to him, and God the Father became a God of love rather than a god of harshness and judgement. Paul spent his life being hated by the Jews, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, imprisoned and outcast while preaching the Gospel.

Somehow, through it all, he maintained a spirit of thanksgiving and praise. He sums it up in this passage from, 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18 "Rejoice always, 17, pray without ceasing, 18, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

On days that it seemed that God had forsaken him he rejoiced, prayed, and gave thanks. He said that we are to pray without ceasing. That means that we don't take a break from seeking God, thanking God, and rejoicing in God. Regardless of your circumstances keep your eyes on God. He is the creator of the universe, and He is watching over you. Never forget to pray and to praise. He will reward you in due season and bless you beyond your expectations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays!

AINSWORTH HALL

Anna Capizzi
Gerald Strachota
Roger Tradewell
Roselind Flanagan
Curtis Krause
Harold Pagel
Donald Hunt
Robert Brown
Herman Volkers
Richard Gerlach
Ronald Mitchell
Edmund Connelly Jr.
Billy Jo Goodrich
Constance Morgan
Carl Heyder

OLSON HALL

Roy Aaberg
Joan Kalrath
Suzanne Karl
Michael Kloehn
Theodore Larsen
Carol Remington
Frank Rothermel
Murray Stegath
Gerald Tourdot

MAC ARTHUR HALL

Jeffrey Stolz
David Miller
Dennis Kinney
Gary Merkel

AINSWORTH HALL



Ainsworth Activities: Church service & Easter Egg coloring, card games, and National Pet Day with a special 4-legged visitor who got treats!



MACARTHUR HALL

APRIL ACTIVITIES: EASTER TREATS, TASTY BEVERAGES, NATIONAL PET DAY, AND HARDEES DELIVERED!



OLSON HALL IN APRIL



Here comes Spring! We had fun making our own foaming hand soap using essential oils. We also got to celebrate member Dave Rehfeldt's 75th birthday party. We even had a pinata for it. We all had fun coloring easter eggs and celebrating Easter. Warm weather is coming and we are so excited to see it.



IN MEMORIAM



IN LOVING MEMORY

*With honor, with
gratitude, with love
Our friends who
passed recently*

James Lenzner
Harley Jennerjohn
Thomas Somers
Michael Berard
Archie Lyste
Michael Schneider
Richard Swanson
Samuel Beach
Gary Dodge



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31st MAY

Ready to Quit Smoking in 2022?

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